BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
of Stephen D. Wyman	VOLONIANI GONNENDEN
Certificate 206965	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 9, 2006. On July 12, 2006, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370 (2004), the State Board summarily suspended the educator certificate of Stephen D. Wyman, certificate 206965. The Department of Education (Department) sent Mr. Wyman notice of the summary suspension and of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible revocation or suspension of his educator certificate by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. Mr. Wyman received the notice, as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. Through legal counsel, Mr. Wyman subsequently consented to voluntarily surrender his certificate. After considering the information presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Wyman's certificate.

Stephen D. Wyman

Initials

Date

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Wyman has over five years of teaching experience and has been employed with the McCormick County School District (District) since 2000. During the 2005-06 school year, Mr. Wyman was assigned as a Social Studies teacher at McCormick Middle School. Effective June 5, 2006, Mr. Wyman resigned from his position with the District following allegations that he had engaged in inappropriate conduct toward and in the presence of students.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Wyman's educator certificate. Should Mr. Wyman ever wish to reapply for certification in South Carolina, he may not do so until after August 9, 2009. To be eligible for certification at that time, Mr. Wyman must meet all current certification requirements, to include a clear criminal record background check.

	South Carolina State Board of Education	
	/S/ Joe Isaac Joe Isaac, Chair	
Columbia, South Carolina		

August 9, 2006

I, Stephen D. WYman, S.C. Educator Certificate 206965, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on August 9, 2006.		
<u>/S/ Stephen D. Wyman</u> Stephen D. Wyman	Date	